I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the US Postal Service with sufficient postage as First Class Mail in an envelope addressed to the Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231, on the date shown below. Docket No. GC507-2 IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE In re Application of Group Art Unit: 1654 Nathaniel T. Becker, et al. Examiner: Borin, M. Serial No. 09/215,095 Filed: December 18, 1998 MATRIX GRANULE For: **RESPONSE** Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231 Dear Sir: This communication is responsive to the Office action dated 6 July 1999. A twomonth extension of time accompanies this communication, making this a timely-filed

AMENDMENTS

In the Claims

paper.

In line 1/of claim 1, please change "herein" to -- wherein --.

Please add the following new claims:

--5X. A granule comprising a protein core comprising a protein matrix, wherein the protein matrix comprises a protein mixed together with a binder and a structuring agent.

58. The granule of claim 57, wherein said protein comprises an enzyme.

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